Abstract

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The present invention enables multiplexing equipment included in an ATM network to transmit control line signals for interfacing data communication terminals. The transmission of the control line signals is realized by reserving a field in a payload in a cell format for the control line signal transmission between the data communication terminals, mapping RS/CD, CS, ER/DR, CI of the control line signals at intervals based on a terminal speed, multiplexing the mapped control line signals at the transmission side, and separating the multiplexed control line signals at reception side